

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification by replacing the paragraph described on page 13, line 30 to page 14, line 2 of the Specification with the following paragraph:

That is, when the number of carbon atoms contained in the alkyl group is 3 ~~[[8]]~~ or greater and 18 or less, a resin can be efficiently intercalated between layers of the organically modified layered silicate and the dispersability of layers of the organically modified layered silicate in a resin can be improved.

Please amend the specification by replacing the paragraph described on page 14, lines 3 to 18 of the Specification with the following paragraph:

Also, when the substituted or non-substituted alkyl group is an alkyl group having a substituent, the alkyl group may have an atomic group described below, which bonds to a terminal of the alkyl group at the opposite side of the silicon atom of the substituted silyl group (the carbon atom of the terminal of the alkyl group may bond to the atomic group.). In this case, the atomic group is selected from the group including an amide linkage, an ester linkage, an N-oxymethyleneamino group (-OCH₂NH-) and an N,N-di(oxymethylene)amino ~~N,N'-di(oxymethylene)amino~~ group ((-OCH₂)₂N-). Since the affinities of these atomic groups with a resin polymer molecule are high, the efficiency of intercalating a resin polymer molecule between layers of the organically modified layered silicate can be improved and the dispersability of the organically modified layered silicate in a resin can be more improved.

Please amend the specification by replacing the paragraph described on page 17, lines 22 to 28 of the Specification with the following paragraph:

That is, when the total of the number of carbon atoms contained in the first and second alkyl groups is 3 ~~[[8]]~~ or greater and 18 or less, a resin can be efficiently intercalated between layers of the organically modified layered silicate and the dispersability of layers of the organically modified layered silicate in a resin can be improved.

Please amend the specification by replacing the paragraph described on page 19, line 26 to page 20, line 6 of the Specification with the following paragraph:

Further, in FIG. 1D and FIG. 1E, an atomic group B bonds to the carbon atom at a terminal of the first alkyl group bonding to the silicon atom of the substituted silyl group and the atomic group B is selected from the group including an amide linkage, an ester linkage, an N-oxymethyleneamino group, and an N,N-di(oxymethylene)amino ~~N,N²-di(oxymethylene)amino~~ group. Although the atomic group B has one substituted or non-substituted second alkyl group in FIG. 1D and FIG. 1E, the substituted silyl group may have the third alkyl group bonding to the atomic group B in addition to the second alkyl group bonding to the atomic group B, depending on the atomic group B, in an organically modified layered silicate contained in a resin composition according to the present ~~percent~~ invention.

Please amend the specification by replacing the paragraph described on page 33, line 22 to page 34, line 4 of the Specification with the following paragraph:

The fifth aspect of the present invention is a resin composition according to the first aspect of the present invention, characterized in that the substituted or non-substituted alkyl group is a substituted first alkyl group, wherein the substituted first alkyl group has an atomic group selected from the group consisting of an amide linkage, an ester linkage, an N-oxymethyleneamino group, and an N,N-di(oxymethylene)amino ~~N,N²-~~

di(~~oxymethylene~~)amine group, which atomic group bonds to a terminal of the first alkyl group, and the atomic group has a substituted or non-substituted second alkyl group.

According to the fifth aspect of the present invention, a resin composition which improves the dispersibility of an organically modified layered silicate in a resin, reduces hydrolysis thereof, and reduces the color change thereof at the time of heating, can be provided.